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PATENT APPLICATION

Our Docket No. 20030322.ORI

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Edward Draper : October 30, 2006  
S.N. : 10/675,855 : Art Unit 3733  
Filed : September 25, 2003 : Examiner Mary C. Hoffman  
For : BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED JOINT  
LOAD CONTROL DEVICE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time to respond to an Official Action mailed August 30, 2006 in the above-captioned patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper and any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Respectfully submitted,

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